

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim Amendments

Please cancel claims 7-34 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Applicants add new claims 35-62 in the above amendment. Accordingly, claims 1-6 and 35-62 are pending after entry of this amendment. No new matter is added by these amendments, which are fully supported by the specification. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended.

Restriction Requirement

The Patent Office can certainly appreciate the burden prosecuting five applications and paying maintenance fees on the same has on small businesses and individuals. To avoid prosecuting five applications at this time, Applicants have rewritten the claims such that the restriction requirement is now moot as Groups II, III, IV and V are cancelled in the amendment. Constructively elected Group I has been expanded into five independent claims, which is the same amount of independent claims originally filed and paid for when the application was submitted. Applicants believe these claims can now be searched without undue burden on the Patent Office. The constructive election of new Group I (i.e., claims 1-6 and 35-62) is without traverse.

Conclusion

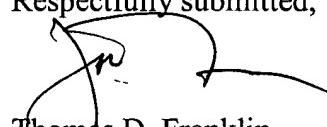
In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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